

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1541A
Masaaki TABUCHI et al. : **Confirmation No. 4290**
Serial No. 10/551,222 : Group Art Unit 1793
Filed September 27, 2005 : Examiner Deborah Yee
WELDED JOINT OF TEMPERED : **Mail Stop: RCE**
MARTENSITIC HEAT RESISTING STEEL

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.